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With their data retrieval system, unless someone suspect O'Neal held out on the FBI or the FBI held out on the Commission, why was it ever necessary to go back to the CIA, unless there was dissatisfaction with what Jones reported?

Without proof, I suggest it is impossible the CIA had no independent information on a defector who said he was going to give vital defense secrets away and take up Russian citizenship.

Why, with the State files containing Oswald's handwriting and the CIA having shown this to the FBI 11/22, was anyone still looking for LHO's handwriting, unless there was suspicion there was more than one Oswald?

The last paragraph indicates the kind of solicitude one would not expect to be extended a man who had said he was giving vital secrets away, was abandoning his US citizenship, etc. If the law provided such assistance on request, why were the agencies being prepared to offer it? Or, did HSW assume its field office was unaware of the regulations? Perhaps this is, in ordinary circumstances, the usual situation, but I do not believe it is. Under these circumstances it would seem more likely the government would be reluctant to help LHO. Instead, they were preparing to do what he did not even request.

Page 16, CIA-45, indicates something I recall from no other document, Oswald's rather bold request that the State Dept. get him a ride on a military plane. It would seem ordinarily unlikely to me that a civilian, even a gutsy one, without feeling he had some call on the government, would ask for military transport, especially a former military man who knows this is ordinarily forbidden.

Page 27 (CIS-46) The FBI's disguising of the source of this report is interesting, for there should have been no reason for it. Why not tell the FBI or why did the FBI not tell the Commission the source of the report? If I were to speculate, I would include Penabaz as a possible source, for he knew Bringuier well and they are so alike. If so, why hide him? Or if it were Lanuse, why hide him? Or if Bringuier, who is now a Republican, why hide him? Or from the Long Committees (Butler), why hide?

If the fact is that Oswald offered \$10, I do not recall the sum from any other source. Coming through so many hands it may be in error. But it is such a small sum, it is likely. Yet such a small sum was then large for LHO. Assuming what we have been told about his finances. The fiction early August was already fixed upon. Bringuier did not recall in error, for he is a packrat with papers, had records to consult, and would not have forgotten the date of Oswald's appearance, which was before August. And how could the one-man DRE in N.O. place LHO "Under surveillance"? Again, not indicated in any other source I recall. This is one thing Liebelor certainly should have asked Bringuier. What did they learn by the surveillance? Or did he know better? Or just want to avoid it? Any surveillance of LHO in that period should have been of the greatest interest to the Commission.